

## Montana Behavioral Initiative

# Montana Big Ideas

For School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support Systems

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## WEB SITES

<http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/MBI/index.html>

Montana Behavioral Initiative Website

<http://opi.mt.gov/>

Office of Public Instruction Website

<http://www.montana.edu/cs/mbi>

MBI Summer Institute Website

<http://www.pbis.org>

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support Website

[www.rti4success.org](http://www.rti4success.org)

RTI National Website

***ALL children deserve the opportunity to grow up in schools and communities that support them in making healthy choices***

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- Summer Institute Summary
- Fall Training Information



Please contact Susan at MBI if you would like to place information in the monthly newsletter!

## **2010 MBI SUMMER INSTITUTE** **JUNE 21—25, BOZEMAN, Montana** **Emphasizing Positive Behavior Supports and Intervention in the Classroom, School and Community**

We invite you to join us for this year's institute, which promises to be one of the best in MBI history. The MBI Summer Institute emphasizes positive behavior supports and interventions. It is designed to motivate and provide the skills for individuals, schools, and communities to unite in nurturing competent, caring and responsible youth.

Over the past 14 years, the MBI Summer Institute has experienced huge success. Participants from Montana and neighboring states come together to learn how to assist their schools and communities in promoting positive school climate, youth responsibility and respect, and implement positive behavior supports and intervention.

In addition to these long-standing and popular early childhood, beginning and skill-building strands, the MBI is pleased to announce a new strand, Family and Community Involvement. The MBI is also proud to bring back the Mental Health Topics Strand! Facilitator training for the School-Wide Information System (SWIS) is also back by popular demand.

Pack your clubs for the 3rd Annual Golf Scramble, which will be held Thursday evening, June 24, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Throughout the week, you will have several opportunities to join your colleagues for hikes and walks around the Bozeman area so bring your walking shoes.

We hope that you are able to join your fellow Montanans. Please participate in a day or week of professional development and make a difference for our Montana youth.

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## Summer Institute!!

<http://www.montana.edu/cs/mbi>

- The early registration discount of \$40 ends Monday, June 7, 11:59pm
  - Registration ends Wednesday, June 16, 11:59pm
- Cancellation deadline for partial refund is 11:59pm, Monday, June 7. Cancellations will be refunded the full amount paid, less a \$40 processing fee.

**There will be no refunds after June 7.**

### Quicksters:

Children often get distracted or lose interest when they have to sit still for long periods of time, so it's always a good idea to incorporate some type of physical activity in the classroom.

### Consultant's Corner:

Denielle Miller

**MBI Success Story:** I was blessed to finish out my teaching career at Whit-tier Elementary School in Bozeman, MT. It was an exemplar MBI school and the climate was very supportive for the students and the teachers. It was wonderful to go to school every day and know that we were all working to create a place that students wanted to come to and teachers wanted to teach at. I have enjoyed working in the schools around Montana and watching the dedicated teachers create positive environments in their schools. Helping to plan the MBI SUMMER INSTITUTE has also been a wonderful experience for me. To see 650+ devoted and enthusiastic educators come together to find better ways to educate their students is awe-inspiring. I am looking forward to another great institute. The 2010 MBI Summer Institute looks like it will be one of the best!

**Little Tip:** As spring arrives in Montana, the children become anxious for the school year to end and summer to begin. During this time it is important to remember to "catch them being good." Increasing the amount of positive reinforcement the students receive is a great way to make sure the school year ends smoothly.

## What Should I Do At Summer Institute?

### Beginning Strand:

- The beginning strand is designed for individuals and teams who are new to the Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) process. The workshops in this strand will provide the philosophy and basic skills needed to start the process of implementing MBI in your school. Within the beginning strand, there are three options available depending on the grade level in which you work.

### Advanced Skill Building Strand:

- The advanced skill building strand is designed for individuals and teams who have had previous training in the Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) process. The workshops in this strand are designed to increase skills and provide additional information for those implementing the MBI process in their schools.

### SWIS Facilitator Training:

- The SWIS is a web-based software system for collecting and summarizing office discipline referrals in schools. The purpose of SWIS is to provide schools with accurate, efficient, practical information for decision-making about school-wide discipline.

### Family and Community Involvement/Parent Involvement:

- MBI is thrilled this year to provide a strand that will provide support and information to engage parents and families to be partners and leaders in schools.

## Administrators and School Leaders

**This year's institute has a new strand for MBI administrators and school leaders that offers five days of great speakers and training sessions throughout the week to help assist you in providing a safe and effective learning environment that nurtures competent, caring, and responsible youth. The various sessions especially tailored for administrators throughout the week are designed to support all of the Montana and Effective Schools Correlates.**

Here is a small sampling:

### *Safe and Orderly Learning Environment:*

- **Tuesday:** Beyond SWIS and the Data: Office Discipline Referral, Practices, Procedures, and Techniques, John Downs
- **Wednesday:** Supports for Administrators Implementing School-wide PBIS, Lori Newcomer

### *Strong Instructional Leadership*

- **Thursday:** The Big Four: Framework for Understanding Instruction, Jim Knight

### *High Expectations of Success*

- **Tuesday:** A Multi-Tiered Approach to Drop Out Prevention, Jonathan Drake and JoAnne Malloy

### *Frequent Monitoring of Student Progress*

- **Tuesday-Thursday:** SWIS Facilitator Training, Anne Todd

### *Positive Home/School/Community Relationships*

- **Monday:** Keynote Address: School Climate--Student, Family, and Community Support, Bliss Browne, Founder and CEO of Imagine Chicago
- **Tuesday & Wednesday:** Parent Teacher Home Visit Project, Sacramento PTHVP Team